

Examiner's Amendment

An examiner's amendment to the record appears below. Should the changes and/or additions be unacceptable to applicant, an amendment may be filed as provided by 37 CFR 1.312. To ensure consideration of such an amendment, it MUST be submitted no later than the payment of the issue fee.

Authorization for this examiner's amendment was given in a telephone interview with Jennifer Branigan on April 28, 2009.

The application has been amended as follows:

In the claims:

In claim 5, line 4, "elevated relative to room temperature" has been deleted.

In claim 5, line 4, --- 30-55 °C --- has been inserted after "is".

Claims 3 and 17 have been canceled.

REASONS FOR ALLOWANCE

The following is an examiner's statement of reasons for allowance: A method of tanning the human body wherein at least one self-tanning substance or formulation comprising at least one self-tanning substance is dissolved in water, brought to a temperature of 30-55 °C and the solution is applied to the human body was found free of the prior art. Any comments considered necessary by applicant must be submitted no later than the payment of the issue fee and, to avoid processing delays, should preferably accompany the issue fee. Such submissions should be clearly labeled "Comments on Statement of Reasons for Allowance."

Conclusion

Claims 2, 4-10, 12-16, 18 and 20-27, renumbered as 1-22, are allowed.

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Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to Examiner Courtney Brown, whose telephone number is 571-270-3284. The examiner can normally be reached on Monday-Friday from 8 am to 4:30 pm.

If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner's Supervisor, Johann Richter can be reached on 571-272-0646. The fax phone number for the organization where this application or proceeding is assigned is 571-273-8300.

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